



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of:

BIENHAUS et al.

Application No.: 09/558,038

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Confirmation No: 9496

Group Art Unit: 1634

Examiner: Arun Chakrabarti

Attorney Dkt. No.: 101614-00001

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For: SYSTEM FOR RELEASING AND ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 16, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for one (1) month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 16, 2002 from December 16, 2002 to January 16, 2003.

Please find attached a check in the amount of \$860.00 to cover the extension fee (\$110) and the RCE fee (\$750). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 101614-00001.

Respectfully submitted,

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